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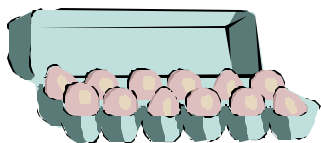
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all sizes. The trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand was generally moderate to good and was best where retail items were featured. Supplies were adequate to close, mainly adequate. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate for the light to moderately good demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 3.5 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents higher on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were 1 cent higher for large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were usually about adequate to adequate from regular sources. Demand was light to moderately good. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 6 cents higher for the larger sizes, up 2 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices to producers Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where retail features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to close. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light with most breakers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market. Offerings were mostly adequate. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were close to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand into all outlets light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white carton large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 3rd was 76.47 cents, 3.1 cents less than the week before but 8.55 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually about adequate to adequate and demand was light to moderately good. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for current slaughter requirements.

WESTERN Prices in California 3 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, large, medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 8 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 5%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	107-109	104-106	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	71-74
Philadelphia	79-83	77-81	69.5-71
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	84-99	83-97	71-85
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	63-68
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	59-62
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	60-66
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	63-70
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	92-95	88-91	78-81
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	104	96
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, large, medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and held confidently. Small invoice price 76. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, large 18 pack 149, brown large dozen 179; smaller outlets- large dozen 98.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	96

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	145-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 10, 2000 will decrease by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 03, 2000 were 273,628 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	237,929	35,699	273,628

% change from the prior week..... -6 -10 -7
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Price were unchanged. Trading and demand was light with most breakers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market. Offerings were mostly adequate. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were close adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	45-48	47-48
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-33	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were adequate for schedules kills. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-NOV-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-9	4-6	5.88

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were irregular and ranged from adequate to ample for processing schedules which were reported as normal. Supplies of finished product were occasionally short to about adequate and clearing easily. The market tone was steady.
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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-NOV-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2.25-8.5	3.25-6	4.98

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Nov 06,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	18.2	6.9	15.2	58.8
	Change	-0.4	2.3	-3.1	0.9	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	37.1	14.0	39.6	136.8
	Change	-0.8	-2.6	-0.5	8.2	2%
Large	Curr Wk	55.5	96.3	62.8	104.9	411.7
	Change	-0.1	0.1	-0.8	18.6	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.5	35.9	15.8	21.8	110.9
	Change	2.2	4.0	0.8	2.0	11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	8.6	1.5	5.7	26.9
	Change	1.4	0.1	-1.5	-1.2	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	20.6	9.1	12.6	52.2
	Change	-1.6	2.9	1.0	0.8	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.8	41.8	19.0	27.7	164.2
	Change	2.9	5.0	3.8	4.2	10%
Total	Curr Wk	151.0	258.5	129.1	227.5	961.5
Percent	Change	2%	5%	0%	17%	5%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of		
		Cases	Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	961.5	5%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	405.1	3%	39

Total Shell Egg 1366.6 4% 210
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 24, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	134	134	124	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 03, 2000**CURRENT LOADS** 12.75**FUTURE LOADS** 20.50**TOTAL LOADS** 33.25

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	57.50	59.00	—	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00
GNR W 2	62.00	64.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	2.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	69.14	3.75
GL W XL	—	—	66.00	67.50	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	.50
GL W LG	—	—	62.25	64.00	57.71	—	5.75	NRBS - 48	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W MD	—	—	54.00	56.00	48.00	—	1.50								
NRBS - 50	—	—	47.50	49.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	8.50								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/30/00-11/03/00**CURRENT LOADS** 134.00**FUTURE LOADS** 71.25**TOTAL LOADS** 205.25

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	56.25	63.86	57.50	56.25	62.31	64.00	35.00	GNR W 1	65.44	67.26	—	—	—	—	29.00
GNR W 2	62.00	64.00	—	—	56.88	59.63	7.00	GNR W 3	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	53.60	55.00	10.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	.75
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	59.00	—	—	.50	GL W XL	66.00	68.86	—	—	—	72.00	5.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.50	57.00	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	68.52	—	—	75.00	72.44	32.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	63.50	—	.75	GL W MD	55.14	59.00	—	—	—	62.00	10.00
GL W XL	—	71.00	66.35	65.66	61.50	57.50	18.25	NRBS - 50	47.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W LG	—	70.00	61.10	63.30	63.65	—	37.00	NRBS - 48	—	50.40	—	—	—	—	15.00
GL W MD	—	—	53.81	55.76	56.64	59.00	17.25	NRBS - 42	28.33	—	—	—	—	—	6.00
GL W SM	29.25	31.00	26.50	28.00	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	46.00	47.50	—	55.50	4.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	49.00	52.00	32.50								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	6.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/22/00 - 10/28/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	NV	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,680	0	0	0	680	0	0	2,360
C. CA	0	0	2,180	0	0	660	720	0	3,560
S. CA	3,524	15,297	1,500	2,438	450	0	1,600	24	24,833
TOTAL STATE	3,524	16,977	3,233	1,956	450	1,340	2,320	24	30,753
SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0									

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	88-91	86-89	51-54	17-20

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72-75	63-69	61-66	55-60	30-34

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	43-45	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
88.50	87.50	78.51	49.76

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/30/00	10/23/00	11/2/99
PACIFIC COAST	435	447	63
LOS ANGELES	382	382	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR OCTOBER 31, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 10/22/00-10/28/00
30-dozen cases 4,499

Receipts from the mainland: 10/15/00-10/21/00
30-dozen cases 4,065

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